

City of Rockville Environment Commission
Watersheds Committee (WC) Meeting Minutes
Tuesday November 15, 2011
Blue Crab, Rockville City Hall
7:15 pm

Meeting Attendance: Julie Palakovich-Carr, Anne Goodman, Steve Cardon, Joe Arrowsmith, Environmental Management staff member Amanda Matheny

1. Environment Commission (EC) Report:

- Julie Palakovich-Carr reported:
 - The last Environment Commission meeting focused on Sustainable Maryland Certified as well as the Commission priorities for the coming year. The meeting also focused on the high performance tax credit for buildings. Burt Hall, Director of Recreation and Parks, presented reuse opportunities for the City's properties at King Farm including Bikes for the World, Habitat for Humanity and Growing SOUL.

2. Environmental Mgmt. Division Report:

- Amanda Matheny reported:
 - SOBO Productions is working on completing the RainScapes Rain Barrel training videos. The videos should be available within the next few weeks and a March kick-off promotion of the videos is to follow.
 - On November 9, 2011, Rockville held the first public meeting for the current Rock Creek Watershed Study. The meeting highlighted some of the initial findings of the contractor in the watershed. Thus far, the Rock Creek watershed in Rockville appears to be typical of an urban watershed, and opportunities for large-scale stormwater management may be limited due to the built-out nature of the area. The contractor will now look toward innovative ideas for making improvements in this watershed. A second public meeting is scheduled for the spring of 2012.

3. Discussion: Sustainable Maryland Certified

The Environment Commission has agreed to assist staff in putting together the necessary components for the Sustainable Maryland Certified program, a joint initiative of the University of Maryland and the Maryland Municipal League. The certification program will allow Rockville to highlight its sustainability efforts, but will also allow Rockville to identify areas of future program development. The Watersheds Committee will play a significant role in defining a number of criteria under the program. To kick-start the certification process, the Watersheds Committee began working on gathering information for a number of the actions listed under the Natural Resources section of the certification program requirements. This includes items under Watershed Stewardship, Tree City USA and Pest Waste program implementation.

4. Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Next Steps:

- The Watersheds Committee will work on gathering information and writing pieces about various Watershed Stewardship activities conducting within the City. At the next meeting, the group should have drafts of their specific topics for discussion.

The next Watersheds Committee meeting is scheduled for
**Tuesday, December 20, 2011 at 7:15 pm in the Blue Crab conference room at
Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, 20850.**